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Monthly Report -- Abidjan Bureau

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ABIDJAN BUREAU

FBIS-2609-88

1 April 1988

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, FBIS

THRU: Acting Chief, Operations Group

SUBJECT: Monthly Report-Abidjan--March 1988

I. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

1. March was the busiest month for the bureau since January 1986, with just over 300,000 publishable words filed. The bureau covered two unsuccessful coup attempts during the month. The first occurred in Sao Tome and Principe when approximately 40 men landed on the beaches, reportedly better armed with political tracts than weapons. Local security forces quickly seized all those involved. In Liberia, a coup plot coupled with a planned assassination attempt against President Doe was discovered before it could be launched. Some 19 people thought to be involved were detained.

2. On the diplomatic front, the Central African Republic reestablished diplomatic relations with the Soviet Union and the Ivory Coast closed its embassy in Beirut following terrorist attacks last month.

3. Burkina Faso, still trying to recover from the October coup in which former President Sankara was killed, produced an unusually high volume of traffic during the month. The new leader, Blaise Campaore, made a major speech on the goals of the post-Sankara era, held a long public press conference, and published the new "Action Program" which the bureau texted from the newspaper in 11 takes.

B. Coverage

At the end of the month, the bureau was able to process a clandestine Radio Bardai item, the first processed from that source in almost a year. During most of the past year, the station has been totally unheard. This is a particularly important target receiver for the bureau since it reflects the Libyan position on Chad although it is ostensibly the voice of the Chadian opposition.

C. Communications

The bureau's Telex backup has remained out of service for most of the month. The PTT efforts to repair a "major fault in the line" have so far proved unsuccessful.

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D. Technical

The bureau's emergency generator has been at least temporarily restored to operation. A GSO contractor is attempting to obtain a replacement friction coupling plate needed to effect a permanent repair. ✓

II. ADMINISTRATION

A. Personnel

The Embassy has received verbal approval from State Department to implement a new foreign national salary scale. The new scale, reflecting an increase of approximately seven percent across the board, is to be effective retroactively to 20 December 1987. Approval has also been obtained to extend foreign national health insurance benefits to family members. No date for implementation has been set.

B. Building and Grounds

1. Construction of a 9 foot concrete and block security wall around the rear and sides of the bureau began late this month. The contractor estimates that work will be completed within a month.

2. Installation of security grills on the second floor of the bureau was completed during the month. Once contractors paint and do other finishing touches, the project will be complete.

III. VISITS

1. Early in the month, the bureau was visited by a State Department inspection team which was preparing an inspection report for this post. The bureau chief met with team leader Ambassador Robert Fritz to discuss FBIS/Embassy issues. Ambassador Fritz was profuse in his praise for Abidjan Bureau's Ghanaian coverage from 1983 to 1986 when he was ambassador there. Subsequently, Ambassador Edmund DeJarnette, deputy assistant inspector general, met with the bureau chief for an evaluation of the inspection process.

2. Peter Brown, head of BBC foreign correspondents dropped by the bureau on 9 March during a visit to VOA and BBC in Abidjan. !

Chief, Abidjan Bureau

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Attachments:

Monthly Production Report

cc: Chief, Swaziland Bureau
Deputy Chief, London Bureau

Abidjan Bureau Production Report for MARCH 1988

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	305410
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	18810
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH:	834

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE:	8037.00	23700.00	113.00
(minutes or issues per week)	min.	min.	issues

III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:
(publishable words per month)

BENIN			
Cotonou Domestic Service in French	9910		
Parakou Domestic Service in French	0		
Cotonou EHUZU in French			0
BURKINA			
Ouagadougou Domestic Service in French	32520		
Ouagadougou CARREFOUR AFRICAIN in French			0
Ouagadougou SIDWAYA in French			14640
CAMEROON			
Yaounde Domestic Service in English	1020		
Yaounde Domestic Service in French	2830		
Yaounde CAMEROON TRIBUNE in English			0
Yaounde CAMEROON TRIBUNE in French			0
CAPE VERDE			
Praia VOZ DI POVO in Portuguese			0
CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC			
Bangui Domestic Service in French	1360		

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
CHAD Ndjamena Domestic Service in French	10230		
CLANDESTINE (Clandestine) Bardai Chadian National Radio in French	1140		
CONGO Brazzaville Domestic Service in French	0		
Brazzaville BULLETIN QUOTIDIEN in French			0
Brazzaville ETUMBA in French			0
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EQUATORIAL GUINEA Bata Domestic Service in Spanish	400		
Malabo Domestic Service in Spanish	450		
FRANCE Paris AFP in English		12740	
Paris AFP in French		37850	
Paris Diplomatic Infor Service in French		0	
Paris Diplomatic Infor Service in English		0	
Paris JEUNE AFRIQUE in French			4770
GABON Libreville Africa No. 1 in French	7060		
*Libreville Africa No.1 in English	0		
Libreville Domestic Service in French	0		

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Libreville L'UNION in French			0
GHANA			
Accra International Service in English	220		
Accra Domestic Service in English	25430		
Accra GHANAIAAN TIMES in English			0
Accra PEOPLE'S DAILY GRAPHIC in English			0
Accra WEEKLY MIRROR in English			0
Accra WEEKLY SPECTATOR in English			0
GREAT BRITAIN			
London BBC in English	17430		
London WEST AFRICA in English			0
GUINEA			
Conakry Domestic Service in French	5270		
Conakry HOROYA in French			0
GUINEA-BISSAU			
Bissau NO PINTCHA in Portuguese			0
IVORY COAST			
Abidjan Domestic Service in French	5270		
Abidjan Television Service in French	0		
Abidjan Ivoir'soir in French			0
Abidjan FRATERNITE HEBDO in French			0
Abidjan FRATERNITE MATIN in French			3250
Abidjan INFORMATION in French			0

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Abidjan IVOIRE DIMANCHE in
French

0

LIBERIA
Monrovia Domestic Service in
English

0

Monrovia Radio ELWA in
English

15410

Monrovia NEW LIBERIAN in
English

0

MALI
Bamako Domestic Service in
French

15150

Bamako L'ESSOR in
French

150

MAURITANIA
Nouakchott Domestic Service in
French
Nouakchott CHAAB in
French

1600

0

NIGER
Niamey Domestic Service in
French

5650

Niamey LE SAHEL in
French

0

Niamey SAHEL HEBDO in
French

0

NIGERIA
Lagos International Service in
English

2890

Lagos Domestic Service in
English

24520

Kaduna Domestic Service in
English

2330

Lagos NAN in
English

5850

Lagos DAILY TIMES in
English

0

Lagos THE GUARDIAN in
English

0

RWANDA
Kigali Domestic Service in
French

0

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SENEGAL

Dakar Domestic Service in

French

15040

DAKAR PANA in

english

5600

Dakar PANA in

French

4640

Dakar LE SOLEIL in

French

SIERRA LEONE

Freetown Domestic Service in

English

0

Freetown DAILY MAIL in

English

THE GAMBIA

Banjul GAMBIA NEWS BULLETIN in

English

TOGO

Lome International Service in

French

0

Lome Domestic Service in

French

12290

Lome LA NOUVELLE MARCHE in

French

ZAIRE

Kinshasa Domestic Service in

French

500

Kinshasa AZAP in

French

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Kinshasa ELIMA in

French